

Upper Ohio CD Draft Meeting Minutes November 21, 2023

Members Present

Allen Rush, Chairman
Bill Gellner, Vice Chairman
Wayne McKeever, Supervisor
Patricia Thomas, Supervisor
Audra Cunningham, Supervisor
***Holly Morgan, Secretary/Treasurer

Others Present

Nick Beaver, NRCS DC
*Kim Fisher, WVCA
Lori Cochran, Administrative Specialist
*Jennifer Kile, WVCA Conservation Specialist

***Not Present
*Attended via teleconference

Chairman Rush called the meeting to order.

Cooperating Agency Reports

USDA-NRCS-FSA – Beaver reviewed the written report. I haven't accomplished so much this month due to having two weeks for vacation. I was still able to make a few field visits as I have listed. A few practices were certified for payment and a few payments made. CSP payments for the year are taken care of and working on finalizing some eligibility issues with our first round of applications for the year. Getting ready for semi annual engineering spot checks.

WVCA – Fisher reviewed the written report. We will start the AgEP spot checks soon. AgEP reminder December 18 is State AgEP meeting put on calendars at 10. At Elk but also a call-in option. LKCD AS position is posted.

Forestry – None

WVU Extension – Information is attached.

SWA –
WVACD

Previous Meeting Minutes

Cunningham made a motion to approve the October 24 meeting minutes. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

Financial Report

Thomas made a motion to file the financial report for audit. McKeever seconded the motion; motion passed.

Gellner made a motion that UOCD bills be paid as funds permit and coordinated by office staff. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

Funding Request – For the next agenda NE Association of Conservation District Employees.

Unfinished Business

Cooperator Agreements –
None

AgEP –

Jenn reminded of State AgEP meeting. She will forward the information to all of the Supervisors. Bill sits on the committee.

Grant Updates

Nothing new on the bio char grant. Still need to get the fence built at the community garden. Bio char might be a good subject for the Grazing Conference coming in the spring.

Education Programs – February 8 for Dustin Adkins to promote programs and try to get some sign-ups. Jan. 25 Kacey Gantzer, Planning Coordinator with WVDA will be speaker for Enhanced Back Yard Gardening. Still collecting information on inflatable soil tunnels. Still have the "May the Force Be with You" with Aimee Figgatt. Probably hold the training sometime near the end of January. Ask around to find out who is interested in attending. Forestry Wildlife Field Day before March 15. Ask about Momentive as venue.

UOCD Annual Meeting

Invitations are out. The caterer is selecting the sides to go with the meats we selected. We can ask if Jon's wife would be interested in preparing them. There is an option to pay \$50 for the tables to be set up and torn down at the venue. Allen will purchase a selection for the cheese tray.

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New Business

Supervisor Reports

Gellner – USDA grant for \$10 million to pay for surplus apples. Processors were full up and could not take apples. 60% of vegetables produced here in the US goes to waste for various reasons.

Cunningham – None

Morgan – will email her report to the supervisors.

McKeever – as attached. Three FY report due to Chris Casto by December 30 on Supervisor Per Diem and Travel with breakdowns and copies of statements and financials.

Thomas – None

Rush – None

Correspondence

Adjournment

Gellner made a motion to adjourn. Thomas seconded the motion; motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be at 6pm December 19, 2023.

Minutes submitted by: Lori Cochran, Administrative Specialist

Signature of Chairman

Signature of Secretary

Date

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